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POETICAL.

IN THE SUGAR-CAMP.

BY ALICE CARY.

Upon the silver beeches, moss
Was drawing quaint designs:
And the first dim-eyed violets
Were greeting the March winds.
'Twas night—the fire of hickory wood
Burned warm, and bright, and high—
And we were in the Sugar-Camp,
Sweet Nelly Grey and I.
'Twas merry, though the willows yet
Had not a tassel on;
The blue-birds sang that year, I know,
Before the snow was gone.
Through bunches of stiff, frosty grass,
The brooks were tinkling by;
We heard them in the Sugar-Camp,
Sweet Nelly Grey and I.
Broken and thin the shadows lay
Along the mountain hill,
For like the wings of chrysalids
The leaves were falling still.
And so we sat the times we heaped
The heavy wood so high,
When we were in the Sugar-Camp,
Sweet Nelly Grey and I.
I said I loved her—said I'd make
A path by the stream,
And we would live among the birds—
It was a pretty dream!
I could not see the next year's snow
Upon her bosom lie—
When we were in the Sugar-Camp,
Sweet Nelly Grey and I.

SPRING-A NEW SONG.

BY THIS BOY.

'Come, gentle Spring! enliven the meadows!
Out! Thomson! out of rhyme as well as reason,
How couldst thou thus poor human nature hum?
There's no such season.
The Spring! I shrink and shudder at her name!
For why? And her breath a bitter brighter,
And softer from her lips, as if they came
From springing the fighter.
Her praises, then, let hardy poets sing,
And by their tuneful laureates and upholders,
Who do not feel as though they had a spring
Poured down their shoulders!
Let others eulogize her floral shows;
From me they cannot win a single stanza:
I know her blossoms are in full bloom—and so's
The influence.
Her cowslips, stocks and lilies of the vale,
Her honey blossoms that we hear the bees at,
Her tansies, daffodils, and primrose pale,
Are things I sneeze at!
Fair is the vernal quarter of the year,
And fair its early puddings and its blowing—
But just suppose Consumption's seeds appear
With other sowings!
For me, I find, when eastern winds are high,
A frigid, not a genial inspiration;
Nor can, like iron-chested Chubb, defy
An inflammation.
Smitten by breezes from the land of plague,
To me all vernal luxuries are fables;
Oh! where's the spring in a rheumatic leg,
Still as a table?
I limp in agony—I wheeze and cough,
And quake with Ague, that great Agitator;
Nor dream, before July, of leaving off
My Respirator.

YES AND NO.

There is a wee wee word I love
All other wee words above;
What may this wee wee word be—guess;
Three letters spell it—Y-E-S.
This wee wee word has a wee brother,
Whom I hate more than I know,
Illustrated wee wee dwarf, I know,
Two letters spell his name—N-O.

WOMEN NURSES OUTDOORS.—There is a Patient lady, who we think rather outdoes Congress.
'G—had at his residence a complete costume of a green. When offering an attention to one of the fair sex, he used to say, 'Permit me to send you a bouquet by my black servant. He then repaired to his garret, took out his black bottle, polished his face and hands, put on his livery, and knocked at the lady's door. 'Here,' he said, 'are some flowers sent by my master to Madame.'
Heard upon the last five frames in the porch, Madame was so delighted with the present, that she presented a lion to the bearer. That's a clear pocketing of three dollars, and a lady's favor in the bargain.

MISCELLANEOUS.

From the Boston Post.

AUCTION EXTRAORDINARY.

I dreamed a dream in the midst of my slumbers,
And as fast as I dreamed it was come into numbers;

It appeared that a law had lately been made,
That a tax on old bachelors' pates should be laid;

And in order to make them all willing to marry,
The tax was as heavy as man could well carry.

But the bachelors grumbled, and said 'twas no use,
'Twas monstrous injustice and horrid abuse,
And swore that to save their own hearts' blood
From spilling, they would never pay a shilling.

On such a vile tax they would never pay a shilling,
But the rulers determined their zeal to pursue,
So they set all the bachelors up at vendue,
To raise the tax on the bachelors' heads.

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ping in our hedges, sure procurers of winter—
Robins are gathering in flocks in the orchards,
and preparing for their southern flight. May
his gun forever raise fire that would thin the
ranks of singing birds!

Going to a Quaker Meeting.

We recollect, when a lad of ten or thereabouts,
the delight with which we hailed a permission
from head quarters to go to quaker meeting for
once. We had always looked with curiosity at
the queer looking hats and bonnets which we
beheld on Sabbath morning, tending toward the
plain-looking edifice, which it would be
high treason to call a church.

The Quaker meeting house was divided into
two apartments—one of which was used in sum-
mer, the other in winter. Inside it was ex-
tremely plain. The rows of unadorned bench-
es on either side gave it as much the appear-
ance of a country school-house as anything.

Once fairly within the room, and staidly seated
on one of the back benches, we had an op-
portunity to survey the audience. There were
perhaps seventy persons, including the elders
who sat on benches facing the rest, at the other
extremity of the room. It so happened that
there was nobody present who felt moved to
speak. There they sat like so many statues,
as motionless as if carved out of stone. How
they could keep so profoundly still, was a mys-
tery to us. The silence was so intense as to
become actually oppressive. Still there we sat,
hardly daring to move, for in the stillness the
least movement was audible.

Having no other resources, our attention was
drawn to the women on the opposite side of the
house. What a family resemblance there was!
We had the curiosity to count the number of
braids to the uncouth bonnets which they wore,
and found after despatching some six or seven,
that they all agreed in number.

Having ascertained this important point, we
next counted the number of seats on either side
of the room. These two exactly agreed in num-
ber. Still silence—dull, monotonous silence—
prevailed, and no one seemed disposed to break
it. We felt a strong inclination to get up and
say, something, just to break it—all the stronger
because we knew that it would be exceedingly
improper. It was like the disposition some
times feels to throw himself down a precipice
whose brink he is standing. We succeeded, how-
ever, in checking the vagrant impulse, and sat
in patient expectation.

Soon afterwards we were admonished by cer-
tain inept twiddling of the facial muscles,
that we were in imminent danger of sneezing.
Now all of us, in company, sneezed in the most
embarrassing manner. The noise produced is some-
times startling even when you are prepared for it—
but imagine the horror of being compelled to
sneezing by the profound, the even awful stillness
of a Quaker meeting.

As soon as we felt the symptoms, we felt in
our pocket for our handkerchief, in the hope, if
not of stifling, at least of mitigating its violence.
But alas, for our treacherous memory, we had
forgotten that our whole stock of handkerchiefs,
consisting of some fifty, were rolled up in that
poor pocket handkerchief. Hastily pulling it out,
they all fell with an immense clatter on the
floor, causing the quiet Quakers to start sud-
denly, at the same moment that, unable longer to
resist the impulse, we gave vent to a stentorian
sneeze.

We felt in our dismay that it was all over
with us, when one of the elders quietly arose,
and pointing to us with outstretched finger,
said solemnly—
'That had better go out!'

We obeyed the recommendation in a hurry,
casting behind one long, lingering look at the
lost handkerchiefs. We never saw them again.

BLACK JOKE.—The appended story, copied
from a Southern correspondent of the Boston
Journal, is no bad.

General C— gave his black man Sawney
funds and permission to get a quarter's worth
of Zoology at a menagerie, at the same time hint-
ing to him the striking affinity between the Si-
mia and negro races. Our sable friend soon
found himself under the canvas, and brought
two, in front of a sedate looking baboon, and
eyeing the bibo quadered closely, soliloquized
thus: 'Folks—sure's yer born, fee, hands, por-
puser bad-looking countenance, just like nigger-
gettin' old, I reckon.' Then, as if seized with
a bright idea, he extended his hand with a gen-
uine Southern 'How dy'e do, Uncle?'. The ape
clashed the negro's hand and shook it long and
cordially.

Sawney then plied his new acquaintance with
interrogations as to his name, age, nativity, and
former occupations, but eliciting no replies be-
yond a knowing shake of the head, or a merry
twinkling of the eye, (the ape was probably med-
itating the best way of treading the darkey's
nose,) he concluded the ape was bound to con-
sider non-committal, and looking cautiously around,
chuckled out, 'He, he, ye too sharp for dem, old
feller. Keep dark—if ye'd just spread one word
of English white man would have a hoe in yer
hand in less than two minutes.'

GENIE IN STONE.—A factious gentleman
traveling in the interior of the State, on arriving
at his lodging place in the evening was met by the
owner, whom he thus addressed:
'Boy, extricate that quadruped from the vehicle,
establish him, denote him an adequate sup-
ply of nutritious aliment—and when the Aurora
of morn shall again illumine the oriental horizon,
I will award you a pecuniary compensation for
your amiable hospitality.'

The boy, not understanding a word, ran into
the house, saying, 'Master, here's a Dutchman
wants to see you.'

'If we like to see a woman treading the holy
path of duty, unblinded by sunshine, unsear-
ched by storms. There are hundreds who do so
from the cradle to the grave—heroines of en-
durance whose world has never heard—but
whose names will be bright hereafter, even be-
side the brightest angels.'

'If a New York paper in a fit of revolutionary
enthusiasm, says, 'Hurrah for the girls of 76!'
No, no, say we—'Hurrah for the girls of 17!'

'If I want the difference between an ash-chim-
ney and an engine driver? One turns the mind;
the other smokes the train—sometimes.'

GOOD SENSE FASHION.—The New York Times,
in the course of an article under the head of 'A
Column of Talk for Young Men on small wages,
has this plain and sensible paragraph on the
subject of dress:
'Then as to dress—it is a great nonsense to
say that all must dress fashionably or lose caste.
What is the fashion? Who wears a fashionable
coat, and how do you know it is the fashion?—
Tell us of the substantial merchant, one thrifty
mechanic, one successful lawyer, or one gentle-
man who wears it; and we will name ten of each
equally noted and successful, who do not, and
ten fops whom you utterly despise, who do. The
fashion for New York for men just now, requires
a clean, decent garment, and no patches on it—
no more, no less. A lady might wear her grand-
mother's shawl in Broadway, and not be noticed.
The time, then, and those just in from other
cities and villages, alone are worried about their
looks when they wear last winter's bonnet to
the lecture or to the church. Let the young
initiate the substantial and common-sense
rather than those who are keeping up appearance
at a sacrifice. It will be a saving in this time.'

WOMAN.—As the dove will clasp its wings to
its side, and cover and conceal the arrow that
is lying upon its breast, so it is the nature of wo-
man to hide from the world the pangs of won-
derful affliction. With her the desires of the heart
have failed. She neglects all the cheerful ex-
ercises that gladden the spirits, quicken the pulse,
and send the tide of life in healthful currents
through the veins. Her rest is broken, the sweet
refreshment of sleep is poisoned by mel-
ancholy dreams: 'dry sorrow drinks the blood,'
until her feeble frame sinks under the last ex-
ternal assault. Look for her after a little
while, and you find friendship weeping over
her untimely grave, and wondering that one so
lately glowing with all the richness of health,
and beauty, should now be brought down to
'darkness and the worm.' You will be told of
some wintry chill, some slight disposition that
laid her low, but no one knows the mental mal-
ady that previous sear her strength and made
her so easy a prey to the spoiler.—Washington
Irving.

THE IDLE.—The idle man is an annoyance;
a nuisance. He is of no benefit to anybody. He
is an intruder into the household of every day
life. He stands in our path, and we push him
contentiously aside! He is no advantage to
anybody. He annoys busy men. He makes
them unhappy. He is a unit in society. He
may have an income to support him in idleness,
or may 'sponge' on his good natured friends—
but in either case he is despised. Young men,
do something in this busy, bustling, wide-awake
world. More about for the benefit of mankind,
if not for yourself. Do not be idle. God's law
is, that by the sweat of the brow we shall earn
our bread. That law is a good one, and the
bread we earn is sweet. Don't be idle. Min-
utes are too precious to be squandered thought-
lessly. Every man and every woman, however
exalted, or however humble, can do good in this
short life, if so inclined—therefore do not be
idle.

THE AUSTRALIAN REVOLUTION.—Australian
advice by the George Law, the details of the
battle between gold diggers and the military.
The battle occurred on the third of December;
thirty of the insurgents were killed, and a much
larger number wounded. The government troops
had a captain wounded in the storming of the
rebel barricade, and a number of soldiers were
killed. Martial law was proclaimed on the 6th,
but discontinued two days afterward. The
papers blame the Governor as the cause of the
disturbance, and censure the whole manage-
ment of the gold licensing. The gold exported
from Victoria from January 1, 1854, to January
9, 1855, is set down at 2,018,567 ounces. Aus-
tralia will not be much larger a colony of Great
Britain. The hour of her revolution for free-
dom fast approaches.

Slightly Mixed.

'If a wag observes that he looks under the
marriage head for the news of the week.

'If a young man of the name of Quaker, who
like when he peps the question? Acquiescence.

